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MARGARITA ANNE MARIE BADEN (NGUYEN TAN NGA)

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APRIL 30, 1970.—Ordered to be printed

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 2976]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2976) for the relief of Margarita Anne Marie Baden (Nguyen Tan Nga), having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the entry into the United States in an immediate relative status of the alien child adopted by a citizen of the United States.

### STATEMENTS OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 1-year-old native and citizen of South Vietnam who was abandoned at birth and placed in an orphanage in Saigon. She was adopted in Saigon on September 12, 1969, by a U.S. citizen who is presently employed as a nurse advisor in Vietnam for the U.S. Agency for International Development. The adoptive mother plans to return to the United States in May 1970 and without the bill, the beneficiary will be unable to accompany her.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated December 30, 1969, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
*Washington, D.C., December 30, 1969.*

A-17868680

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2976) for the relief of Margarita Anne Marie Baden (Nguyen Tan Nga), there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would provide that the 1-year-old beneficiary, who has been adopted by a U.S. citizen, may be classified as a child and granted immediate relative status subject to the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to adoption requirements. The bill further provides that no brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall thereafter, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Vietnam, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,  
*Commissioner.*

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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 2976

Information concerning this case was obtained from Miss Barbara Jean Baden, the adoptive mother.

The beneficiary, Margarita Anne Marie Baden (Nguyen Tan Nga), a native and citizen of South Vietnam, was born November 18, 1968. She was abandoned at birth and placed in the Phu My Orphanage in Saigon. She was later transferred to the Terre des Hommes Orphanage in that city. The beneficiary, who was adopted by Miss Baden on September 12, 1969, in Saigon, has resided with her since May 27, 1969. No information is available concerning the beneficiary's natural parents or members of her family. She is supported by Miss Baden.

Miss Barbara Jean Baden, a native and citizen of the United States, was born December 15, 1931. She is single and has never been married. She received a diploma in nursing in September 1954 from St. Catherines College, St. Paul, Minn. She obtained 3 months' additional training as a nurse for the Peace Corps at the University of Minnesota in 1962. She is presently employed as a nurse adviser in Vietnam for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C. Her assets consist of stocks, bonds, and savings in the amount of \$7,700 and personal property valued at \$2,000.

A letter dated March 30, 1970, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, U.S. Department of State, with reference to the bill reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, March 30, 1970.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report concerning the case of Margarita Anne Marie Baden (Nguyen Tan Nga), beneficiary of S. 2976, 91st Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Barbara Baden, an American citizen. It also provides that no natural brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act, by virtue of such relationship.

The American Embassy at Saigon, Vietnam, has reported that the beneficiary was born on November 18, 1968, at Saigon. She was relinquished to a hospital at birth, and the whereabouts of her parents is unknown. She has been residing with her prospective adoptive mother since May 1969, and is registered as a nonpreference immigrant visa applicant with a priority date of July 15, 1969. An adoption contract was signed by Miss Baden on September 12, 1969, and was ratified on December 30, 1969.

The beneficiary was examined by a panel physician on February 25, 1970, and was found to be medically qualified.

The prospective adoptive mother, who is a nurse adviser in Vietnam with the Agency for International Development, informed the Embassy that she was born on December 15, 1932, at Minneapolis, Minn. She has never married. She studied at St. Catherine's College at St. Paul, and the University of Minnesota, receiving a diploma in nursing in 1954. In addition to professional employment as a nurse in several hospitals in the United States, she was employed with the Peace Corps in East Pakistan from 1962 to 1964, and has been employed with USAID/Public Health since 1966.

Miss Baden's tour of duty in Vietnam will be completed in May 1970 and she wishes to bring the beneficiary with her to the United States at that time.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. TORBERT, JR.,  
*Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.*

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,  
Washington, D.C., January 16, 1970.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*New Senate Office Building,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would appreciate your consideration of S. 2976, a private bill I introduced last September for the relief of Margarita Anne Marie Baden.

This year-old child, who was an abandoned orphan in South Vietnam, has been adopted by Miss Barbara Baden, a nurse adviser for AID in South Vietnam. This bill would provide that the beneficiary may be classified as a child and granted immediate relative status subject to the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to adoption requirements. Miss Baden is scheduled to complete her tour of duty with AID sometime this spring.

I know Miss Baden and her family. Her parents still live in Minneapolis. She is a person of excellent character and a responsible citizen. She graduated from the College of St. Catherine School of Nursing, St. Paul, in 1954 and has worked as a registered nurse in various hospitals. Miss Baden served as a member of the Peace Corps (1962-64) in Pakistan and has been with AID since 1966. I believe she should be commended for providing a home for this abandoned child, and I urge that the Committee on the Judiciary report the bill favorably.

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE J. McCARTHY.

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U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,  
Washington, D.C., February 25, 1970.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am enclosing letters and documents I have received regarding S. 2976, a bill for the relief of Margarita Anne Marie Baden.

I would appreciate your consideration of the bill. Miss Baden states in her letter that she hopes to return to the United States the first week in May.

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE J. McCARTHY.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
U.S. AID MISSION TO VIETNAM,  
February 20, 1970.

HON. EUGENE J. McCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR McCARTHY: This letter is written in behalf of Miss Barbara Baden who has served as a nurse adviser in Vietnam with the Agency for International Development since October 31, 1966.

Miss Baden proved herself to be not only a well-qualified and effective nurse adviser but also an excellent representative of the American people. She voluntarily spent her off-duty hours teaching English to Vietnamese students and her weekends assisting a local orphanage. She was also successful in soliciting both material and monetary contributions from citizens in the United States to improve conditions at the orphanage.

Miss Baden is absolutely reliable and a most dependable and trustworthy individual. I have no hesitation in endorsing her decision to adopt a Vietnamese child.

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE D. TUCCI,  
*Acting Executive Officer.*

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FEBRUARY 19, 1970.

HON. EUGENE MCCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR GENE: Thank you for your letter of January 29, and again my thanks for your help. Let me bring you up to date on my activities these past few years.

After graduation from St. Catherine's College in St. Paul, I worked at various hospitals as a registered nurse, mainly St. Mary's and Hennepin County in Minneapolis, and Los Angeles County. When President John Kennedy established the Peace Corps, I was in one of the first groups to go to Asia. I volunteered for Pakistan in 1962. While overseas, I became interested and involved in the problems of people from underdeveloped nations.

I joined the Agency for International Development in August 1966, and was sent to Saigon in October. I am working as a nurse adviser and in my free time help in the orphanages.

Margarita was born November 18, 1968, abandoned by her mother immediately, and given to the sisters for care. Nothing is known about her natural family. We think she is a mixture of Asian races rather than pure Vietnamese.

Margarita contracted diphtheria as an infant and was given to Miss Rosa Tintore, a Spanish nurse who had a small home where she cared for the tiny babies and sick children from the orphanage. When Rosa, my good friend, had to return to Spain in May of 1969, she left Margarita with me for safekeeping. I fell in love with this exceptional little girl and decided, at this time, to adopt her. I considered all the problems of raising a child alone, and most important of all, I tried to evaluate, realistically, the best possible future for Margarita. She could remain in the orphanage with the good chance of future adoption into a family with both a mother and father. Or, she could have the love and comfort of a mother now, and be part of a large family, with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. After working in Vietnamese orphanages and seeing the overcrowded conditions the children are expected to survive in, I decided to adopt her. Margarita is a bright child that I feel will grow up to be a beautiful, intelligent, and productive young lady.

Before I started the adoption procedures, I discussed with my sister and her husband, Pat and Don Christensen, the future of Margarita if I became incapacitated and had not married. They both agreed to take this child into their hearts and home as they would for any of my natural children.

I have enclosed a copy of the adoption contract and the "homologation," or ratification, with the English translation. The adoption decree will not be ready until the time I leave. I have also enclosed the release from the orphanage and references.

I appreciate all your help, Gene, and I hope you will have the opportunity to meet this little gal. We are to return to the United States the first week in May and I will have 2 weeks TDY in Washington.

Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

BARBARA J. BADEN,  
USAID/PHD, APO 96243, San Francisco.

P.S.—It is my intention to adopt Margarita according to the law of Minnesota.

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EDINA, MINN., February 18, 1970.

Senator EUGENE McCARTHY,  
Old Senate Building,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR McCARTHY: In regards to your bill S. 2976, which you introduced in order to allow Miss Barbara Baden to bring her adopted Vietnamese daughter home to the United States, we would like you to know how much we appreciate it.

The whole family is extremely excited about our latest member, and you may be assured that she will receive all the love, affection, and any guidance or financial aid from any and/or all of us.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. WILLIAM. R. BADEN.

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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Receipt No. 506/329

Certified copy from the original filed at the Clerk's Office, Saigon Court of the Peace.

Request for Establishment of an Adoption Contract

TO: The President of the SAIGON Court of the Peace

SIR: The petitioner, Miss Barbara Jean Baden, U.S. citizen, born on 15 December 1932 in Minneapolis, USA, serving as consultant nurse with U.S.A.I.D., Vietnam, residing at 148 Phan Dinh Phung Street, Saigon;

Represented by Messrs J. Lambert and Thai Manh Tien, Lawyers at the Saigon Court of Appeals, 40/E, NGO DUC KE Street, Saigon, and having elected domicile at the Office of these Lawyers;

Wishes to submit to you the following:

The petitioner is single and is of legal age;

The petitioner desires to adopt Nguyen Tan Nga, female, born on 18 November 1968 in Phu Chong, Binh Duong Province, of an unknown father and Nguyen Thi Banh;

Abandoned by her mother, this child has been brought up by the Phu My Orphanage;

This charitable institution has also consented for the petitioner to adopt the child;

The petitioner is well off which will enable her to give the child excellent care and an excellent education advantageous to her future, while, on the contrary, her mother has abandoned her through a lack of love and facilities for her upbringing.

Therefore, this adoption will be most advantageous to the child, morally as well as materially.

The petitioner requests that the child be renamed "Margarita Anne Marie Baden."

Prepared in Saigon on August 3, 1969.

Signed: J. Lambert and

Thai Manh Tien, Lawyers  
at the Court of Appeals.

Supporting records attached herewith:

Extract of the birth certificate of Miss BADEN and its Vietnamese translation;

Certificate attesting that Miss Baden has no children;

Extract of the birth certificate of Nguyen Tan Nga;

Statement for entrustment of an orphan from the PHU MY Orphanage;

Power of attorney issued to Miss R. M. Taylor by the Phu My Orphanage;

Certificate of financial status of Miss Baden and its Vietnamese translation;

Certificate of good conduct of Miss Baden and its Vietnamese translation;

Certificate from the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.

Adoption Contract No. 196-CT.

On 12 September 1969 at 0900 hours, before me, Phan Van Tu, President of the Saigon Court of the Peace, in my chambers at No. 115 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, assisted by Mr. Pham Khac Nghi, Court Clerk;

Has appeared:

Miss Barbara Jean Baden, born on 15 December 1932, U.S. citizen, residing at No. 148 Phan Dinh Phung Street, Saigon;

She has declared that she is presently single and has no children. At present, she desires to adopt Nguyen Tan Nga, born on November 18, 1968, at Phu Cuong, Binh Duong, of an unknown father and Nguyen Thi Banh, in accordance with birth certificate No. 2536 of the 1968 birth register, Phu Cuong Village, Binh Duong;

She has affirmed that she loves Nguyen Tan Nga and desires to adopt her in order to care for her, educate her, and provide for her future.

For these reasons, she has requested the court to authorize her adoption of the child.

After hearing the reading of this adoption contract, Miss Barbara Jean Baden has signed with the court clerk and myself.

Signed: PHAN VAN TU,  
PHAM KHAC NGHI,  
BARBARA JEAN BADEN.

Has also appeared:

Miss Rosemary Taylor, representing Sister Rose Marie, the directress of the Phu My Orphanage, Gia Dinh, according to the power-of-attorney prepared in Saigon on January 30, 1969, registered in Saigon on August 5, 1969, volume 19-C, folio 86, No. 1247;

She has stated that Nguyen Tan Nga, born on November 18, 1968, of an unknown father and Nguyen Thi Banh, has been abandoned and brought up by the Phu My Orphanage, Gia Dinh, from early childhood.

At present, she agrees to give Nguyen Tan Nga to Miss Barbara Jean Baden for adoption so that she may care for her, educate her, and provide for her future.

She also expresses her gratitude to Miss Barbara Jean Baden for this charitable action.

After hearing the reading of this adoption contract, Miss Rosemary Taylor has signed with the court clerk and myself.

(Signed) PHAN VAN TU,  
PHAM KHAC NGHI,  
ROSEMARY TAYLOR.

I, President of the Saigon Court of the Peace;

After hearing the statement of Miss Barbara Jean Baden, requesting Nguyen Tan Nga for adoption;

After hearing the statement of Miss Rosemary Taylor, representing Sister Rosemarie, giving Nguyen Tan Nga to Miss Barbara Jean Baden for adoption;

After considering the statement of agreement to give a child from Sister Rosemarie, prepared in Saigon on January 30, 1969, registered in Saigon on August 5, 1969, volume 19-C, folio 87, No. 1244;

After considering article 135 and subsequent articles of decree No. 15/64 dated July 23, 1964, relating to adoptive filiation;

Certify the statements of the afore-mentioned two parties and pronounce that, from this date, Nguyen Tan Nga is the adopted daughter of Miss Barbara Jean Baden.

Nguyen Tan Nga is authorized to take her adoptive mother's family name and will be renamed Margarita Annemarie Baden.

In this capacity, Nguyen Tan Nga will enjoy all advantages and will have to carry out all obligations provided for under the law.

Determine that this adoption contract must be submitted to the Saigon Court of First Instance for ratification.

After hearing the reading of this adoption contract, the persons present have signed with the Court Clerk and myself.

(Signed) PHAN VAN TU,  
PHAM KHAC NGHI,  
THAI MANH TIEN,  
ROSEMARY TAYLOR,  
BARBARA JEAN BADEN.

Registered at the Third Service, SAIGON, on 22 June 1969, Volume 109, Folio 20, No. 142/2.

Fees collected: Seventy two piasters (72.00VN\$)

The Chief of the Registration Service

Signature: (illegible) and Seal.

Certified true copy Saigon, October 29, 1969, The Chief Clerk Le Chi Mau.

Cost:

Stamps.....	72.00VN\$
Fees.....	20.00VN\$
Receipt.....	0.50VN\$
Total.....	92.50VN\$

Certify that this is a true translation.

D. D. HOLMES,  
*LCDR USN, Chief, MACAG Translation Division.*



REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,  
SUPREME COURT,  
SAIGON COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE,  
*Saigon, December 31, 1969.*

The Chief Clerk of the Saigon Court of First Instance, certifies that:

During the session of December 30, 1969,

The Saigon Court of First Instance, judging on Case No. 16868/ND/69, rendered a judgment ratifying an adoption contract, the declaratory part of which is extracted as follows:

"For these reasons, ratifies an adoption contract established at the Saigon Court of the Peace on September 12, 1969, notes that Miss Barbara Jean Baden agrees to adopt Nguyen Tan Nga, female, born on 18 November 1968 at Phu Cuong (Binh Duong);

"Pronounces that from this date, this child may take her mother's family name and is renamed Margarita Anne Marie Baden."

This certificate is issued to Attorney J. Lambert before the judgment is registered, to be used as permitted by law.

This certificate must be stamped and registered.

*For the Chief Clerk.  
The Court Clerk.*

I certify that this is a true translation.

D. D. HOLMES,  
*LCDR USN, Chief, MACAG Translation Division.*

PHU MY ORPHANAGE,  
*Thi Nghe, Saigon.*

Adoption: Baden.

RELEASE CERTIFICATE

I the undersigned, Sister Rose Marie, directrice of the Phu My Orphanage, at 93 Hung Vuong, Thi Nghe, Saigon, do hereby declare that the child Nguyen Tan Nga, female, born on November 18, 1968, at Phucuong, is an orphan, abandoned at birth and taken in by the sisters in this orphanage. The whereabouts of any relative of the child are unknown.

Since Miss Barbara Baden, nurse, from the United States of America, wishes to adopt the child Nga, to consider her as her own child, and to be responsible for her material and moral welfare, I, being free to place the child for her greater advantage, release Nga irrevocably and unconditionally to Miss Baden, for adoption by her, and for emigration to the United States of America.

Sr. ROSE MARIE,  
*Directrice.*

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINN.,  
*February 14, 1970.*

Senator EUGENE McCARTHY,  
*Old Senate Building  
Washington, D.C.*

Dear SENATOR: We are writing with regard to the bill (S. 2976) which will allow my sister, Barbara Baden, to bring her adopted Vietnamese daughter home with her.

Before Barbara adopted Margarita, we discussed the future of the child in the event that Barbara became incapacitated. We have three children of our own and would certainly take Margarita into our home and raise her as one of our own. My husband and I are both college graduates. My husband is chief accountant and has been employed with International Multifoods for almost 12 years.

As for Barbara, I think she will make a very good mother. She has always had a great love for children. She is also a very responsible person and has always fulfilled any commitment she has made.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) PATRICIA L. CHRISTENSEN,  
*Sister.*  
DONALD L. CHRISTENSEN,  
*Brother-in-law.*

FEBRUARY 11, 1970.

Hon. EUGENE McCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: I have known Miss Baden since November 1966. During 6 months of this time, Miss Baden and I shared a hotel room in Saigon, Vietnam. I have few friends that I know better than Miss Baden.

Miss Baden comes from a large family and the effects of having been brought up in the midst of many brothers and sisters are very much apparent. She has a sunny, happy disposition, is unusually tolerant of the foibles and shortcomings of others, and sincerely loves to be with and among people.

One of her salient characteristics is her very strong maternal feelings which have been expressed here in Vietnam in her work with orphanages and child-help organizations. Other characteristics which stand out are her practicality, her commonsense, and her excellent sense of humor.

Miss Baden is a deeply religious person. A devout Catholic, she is very much involved in her church and it has been my observation over the past 3 years that she truly lives her faith.

Sincerely yours,

TERRY KAY NELSON,  
*USAID/DA/Saigon, APO 96243.*

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
*Saigon, February 13, 1970.*

From: Lieutenant Col. H. P. Trueman—The 22d (Cheshire) Regiment.  
Hon. EUGENE McCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR McCARTHY: I am writing to you on the subject of the adoption by Miss Barbara J. Baden of the infant Margarita Anne Marie (Nguyen Tan Nga) and her submission to have U.S. citizenship (S. 2976) extended to the child.

Having known Miss Baden for almost a year, I can think of few other people who are better suited to undertake the responsibilities of adoption than her. As you will be aware, she is an exceptionally well qualified nurse and has been an outstanding representative of

your country both in Pakistan and here in Vietnam. It is perfectly apparent, too, that she has abundant love and affection for Margarita who clearly will lack for naught. She well appreciates the problems associated with her upbringing and has, accordingly, made plans to adjust her future career.

Margarita herself, now 15 months old, is a beautiful Vietnamese child with no known natural parents. She is fit and sturdy and a visible tribute to the care and devotion Miss Baden has lavished upon her in the 7 months she has had her in her charge. It would appear to me eminently logical that the child should be granted U.S. citizenship. Insofar as it is appropriate for me to say, as a British national, I would make a strong recommendation to you that she be accorded this status.

Yours sincerely,

PETER TRUEMAN.

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VINCENTIAN FATHERS,  
*Saigon, Vietnam, February 15, 1970.*

Hon. EUGENE MCCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MCCARTHY: It has been my privilege to know Barbara Baden for some years. She is of good disposition and upright moral character. She is a person of responsibility, and is more than capable of meeting all of the obligations connected with the adoption of Margarita Anne Marie. She is a realist and under no fuzzy illusions about what the adoption of this child will demand of her. I have fully discussed all of the aspects of the case with her, present and future, and consider her fully qualified to take this child under her care.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT CRAWFORD, C.M.

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THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE,  
*St. Paul, Minn., February 6, 1970.*

Senator EUGENE MCCARTHY,  
*Old Senate Building  
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: I am very pleased that you have introduced a bill (S. 2976) which will allow my sister Barbara to bring her adopted Vietnamese daughter home with her. The entire family are most eager to meet our newest member.

In the event that the Judiciary Committee has any doubts about the future of Margarita, I would like them to know that I will assume responsibility for the child if anything should happen to my sister.

I would be most happy to provide for her, love her, and educate her. This is also true of any member of Barbara's family. We all feel that the adoption of Margarita is wonderful.

I appreciate all of your help and support.

Sincerely yours,

CATHERINE A. BADEN, R.N., B.S.N.Ad.,  
*Project Director.*

TERRE DES HOMMES,  
*Saigon, February 13, 1970.*

HON. EUGENE MCCARTHY,  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MCCARTHY: As a social worker for 3 years in Vietnam, and responsible in some degree for the placement of several hundred orphans, I feel I am competent to speak on one placement in particular—that of the child Nguyen Tan Nga, now Margarita Anne Marie Baden, with her adoptive mother Barbara Jean Baden.

I have known Barbara since my first months in Vietnam, and in my work with the orphans and abandoned babies, I have come to regard her as an indispensable ally and generous friend. Her talents and resources are continually at our disposal, and the ways in which she helps us are legion.

I come into almost daily contact with Barbara, and while I am deeply impressed by many human qualities in her, I am impressed most of all by her emotional and psychological equilibrium. I find her a remarkably well-balanced woman, and can imagine no one more naturally endowed to fulfill the role of an adoptive mother.

Margarita I have known since birth, when she was abandoned and brought to the orphanage. She caused us much anxiety during her first months, when she contracted diphtheria. Hospitalization in this country is out of the question, but Margarita survived through the competent care received in the nursery.

From the very first, I have observed closely the relationship between Barbara and Margarita, and I have marvelled at the development of this child, especially during the time she has been living with her adoptive mother. When contrasted with here contemporaries still in the orphanage, Margarita's development seems indeed outstanding, and no one seeing the child, can fail to remark on it. Margarita is herself, I feel, the most indisputable testimonial of Barbara's adequacy as an adoptive mother. In the loving security of her new home, the baby has become a well-adjusted, affectionate little girl, with an inextinguishable vitality and joie de vivre.

Knowing so well both the adoptive mother and the child, and being concerned for their mutual good, I do not hesitate to express my wholehearted approval of this adoption.

It only remains for you and your fellow Senators to consider the humanity of this case and to make an appropriate amendment in the immigration laws, so that little Margarita may return to the United States with her adoptive mother, and in her turn, be admitted to full citizenship.

Sincerely,

ROSEMARY J. TAYLOR.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2976) should be enacted.

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